

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-102. Claims 1, 3; 9, 29, 32, 35, 37, 43, 63, 66, 69, 71, 77, 97 and 100 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 9, 29, 32, 35, 37, 43, 63, 66, 69, 71, 77, 97 and 100 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for use of language that the Examiner considered to be unclear. Applicant has amended these claims in order to overcome the rejection.

Claims 1-102 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Afek et al. (US 2002/0083175). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The present patent application is a continuation-in-part of PCT Patent Application PCT/IL02/00996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 09/929,877, which published as US 2002/0083175. Thus, to the extent that the claims in the present patent application are fully supported in US 2002/0083175 (as implied by the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and the Examiner's detailed remarks), these claims are entitled to the filing date of this parent application under 35 U.S.C. 120. Therefore, the present rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks stated above to be fully responsive to all of the objections and grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all the claims in the present patent application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to this effect is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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